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THE CASE OF Sir JOHN LAMBERT, Bart.

HE has Traded as a Merchant in *London* near Forty Years, and Exported vaſt Quantities of the Growth and Manufactures of this Country; he has been Sole and Part-Owner of above Eighty *Britiſh Ships*; his Exports in the laſt Eight Years amounted to above Five Hundred Thouſand Pounds, in which time he Imported above Two Hundred and Twenty Thouſand Pounds in Foreign Gold and Silver more than he Exported; and during his long and extenſive Commerce, he never was engaged in, or any way Acceſſory to any Clandeſtine Trading to the Prejudice of the Fair Merchant, or the Detriment of the Publick.

He has been ever Zealous for the Publick Good, and employed the utmoſt of his Fortune and Credit to ſubſiſt *the Priſoners in Spain after the Battle of Almanza*, and the Fleets and Garriſons in the *Mediterranean*, and on all other Publick Occaſions.

He went into France *in* Auguſt 1719. *and did not return till the end of* March *following, after the* South Sea Scheme *was ſettled*; and was wholly Ignorant of the Grounds of the ſaid Scheme, or of any Corrupt or Fraudulent Deſign in carrying it on; and becauſe he oppoſed the Dividend of 10 *l. per Cent.* in Stock, was afterwards *not conſulted in any thing*; and it appears that his Eſtate has been Conſiderably leſſen'd thereby.

He has had the Misfortune of ſeveral Aſperſions induſtriouſly, tho' undeſervedly, caſt upon him; which he can prove to be entirely Falſe and Groundleſs: However, is Apprehenſive they have already made ſome Impreſſions to his Prejudice.

He has given a True Account of his Whole Eſtate, out of which (by the Bill in your Lordſhips Houſe) he has an Allowance of no more than Five Thouſand Pounds, altho' he began the World with much more, and all he has ſince acquired has been by Fair Trading.

He begs leave to obſerve, that tho' he is not diſtinguiſhed by any Crimes, he is by his Puniſhment; by which his Credit Abroad muſt ſuffer; and by this Allowance he will not be able to carry on his Trade to Support himſelf and his Numerous Family.

In Regard therefore that he was out of the Kingdom, at the ſetting this Scheme on Foot, and has loſt Conſiderably thereby, he Humbly Hopes that your Lordſhips will be pleaſed, to Commiſerate his Circumſtances, and allow him a ſuitable Proviſion for himſelf and his Family.

The CASE of Sir *John Lambert*, Bar^t.